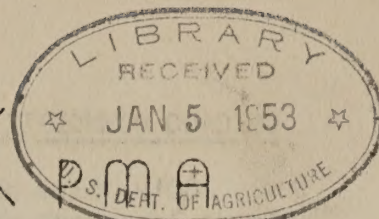


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# MIDWEST SHOPTALK



Midwest Area, Office of Information Services, Production and Marketing Adm.,  
United States Department of Agriculture, 623 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 5, Ill.

July 2, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7-18	PMA District meetings	South Dakota
July 7	Indiana ACP Handbook meeting	
	PMA-SCS, Technical Advisory Committee	Indianapolis
July 7-17	United Merchandising Institute-U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Retail Training Classes	University of N. Dak. Fargo
July 7-11	Extension Specialist County Agrl. Agent Summer School	Michigan State College E. Lansing
July 8	Farm Crops Field Day	Michigan State College E. Lansing
July 9-10	National Kraut Packers Assoc.	Port Clinton, O.
July 10-11	27th annual National Cherry Festival	Traverse City, Michigan
July 9-10	Ohio PMA Conference	Columbus, O.
July 15	N. Dakota State Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Fargo, N. Dak.
July 17-18	Michigan Seed Dealers Assoc.	Mackinac Island, Mich.
July 18	Dairy Field Day-Purdue Univ.	W. Lafayette, Ind.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Assistant Chief Royce Dodge and George Blaze directed administrative end of the PMA meeting at St. Louis, June 30-July 2.

Chief Bender will visit Columbia, Mo. next week to survey possibilities for a state office consolidation.

## AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Audit of transportation activities at Chicago PMA Commodity office completed. Traffic experts from Washington office and Chicago Audit's traffic specialists, O. W. Salisbury and Garford Smithman, cooperated.

Auditor P. J. Thomas has transferred to Federal Renegotiation Board. Auditor R. E. Harwich has transferred from the Dallas office to Chicago and will head group conducting internal audits of the Chicago PMA Commodity Office.

L. O. Lehman goes to Washington next week to draft new procedure for audits of state and county PMA offices.

New auditors on the staff, Chicago office: Ruben Wagner, Harvey Parks, and R. M. Buskirk.



CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

CO's sales of 2,780,469 bushels of corn on the Chicago Board of Trade last week represented nearly 85 percent of all such sales on the Exchange.

Other sales: 328,500 pounds of spray nonfat dry milk solids, 70,014 pounds of cheese.

First of new Uniform Grain Storage Agreements trickling in from grain warehousemen. None approved yet.

Washington visitors: L. C. Isley, CCC office, on routine matters; Gordon W. Parker, Fiscal, regarding June 30 closing of corporation's books.

DAIRY BRANCH

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Cheese purchases by CCC under dairy price support have added to the inspection work of the office. Samples taken by inspectors are analyzed and graded by laboratory technicians. Dry nonfat milk powder offered under the support program is sampled by the inspectors and analyzed by the laboratory to determine if the product meets the required specifications.

Supervisor Ed Small visited plants under continuous inspection in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area June 30 and in Ohio, July 1 and 2.

Dairy Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Chemist in charge

Mrs. Joy Sparks, chemist, joined the lab staff June 30. She is a graduate of Loyola U., Chicago, and has had 5 years of experience as chemist with meat packing and oil companies.

Federal Milk Market Administrator - A. W. Colebank, Administrator

USDA on June 26 increased the milk price differentials of Class I and Class II milk in the Chicago milk marketing order by 20¢ per cwt. for the period July through November, and 10¢ for the other months. Department also revised the automatic adjustment for trends in supplies and demand for milk in the area. The action was taken after the amendments had been <sup>approved</sup> by 90% of the producers in the area. The vote - 21,704 for, 873 against.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION BRANCH - O. F. Beyer, Supervisor

Offices now allocating 4,990,000 pounds of smoked skinned hams and smoked picnic shoulders to state agencies for distribution to school lunch programs. Also being allocated are 1,095,000 pounds of smoked bacon. First preference on allotments goes to eligible institutions.

Supervisor O. F. Beyer is conferring this week at Madison, Wis. with Gordon W. Gunderson, superintendent of Wisconsin School Lunch programs, on the state plan of operation for the lunch programs next year.

School lunch story for 1951-52 school year mailed to each State School Lunch Agency in area for release to news outlets in their state.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Thomas C. Hill, who has been in training in the Chicago office has left for Allendale, S. C. where he will start reporting the shipping point market on watermelons in the immediate future.

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH (Cont'd)

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Chief

A few inspectors have been assigned to Independence, Missouri from which area potatoes are moving in small volume. Cherry inspection work in Michigan is expected to get under way actively next week.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Chief

Wilson M. Miller is Acting Chief during the vacation leave of W. A. Hilgeson.

## GRAIN BRANCH

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

Howard D. Kurtz, in charge of the Grain Branch office at Cedar Rapids, Ia., has been transferred to Chicago to become a member of the Board of Grain Supervisors. He is succeeded at Cedar Rapids by his former assistant, John F. Davis. Both Kurtz and Davis have been with the Grain Branch, USDA, for more than 30 years.

A bumper wheat crop is being harvested in the Southwest under ideal conditions. Harvest has now moved up to the Nebraska line. Inspectors report a high quality of hard red winter wheat. Yields are also good. Wheat is moving into farm, local, and terminal storage without any serious tieups reported to date. Wheat harvest is also getting under way in central and southern Illinois. Hard and soft red winter wheat produced in this area is of high quality, Branch representatives report.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Short staff rushed to get out regular and special services, including skeletonized "Shop Talk." Our apologies to State Office for excluding them this week.

## LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, Group Leader

Coming political conventions are prompting debate as to their possible effect on livestock receipts at Chicago yards. Some think farmers may wait to ship stock during convention time in hope of being able to attend convention at nearby Amphitheatre, also take in sights generally.

Packers and Stockyards Division - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Curtis Kemper, Acting in charge, during Supervisor Jennings' vacation leave.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Staff preparing reports required under "Whitten Amendment", covering number of PMA employees in the area on August 31, 1950 and June 21, 1952, and their classifications.

Chief Maurice Ward spent June 27 through June 30 in Washington on general personnel matters.

## POULTRY BRANCH

Dressed Poultry Inspection - Dr. W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Dr. A. R. Kincaid made a supervisory survey in the Rogers, Arkansas broiler production area, July 1-3. Dr. W. S. Buchanan, field survey at Florence, Ala. July 2.



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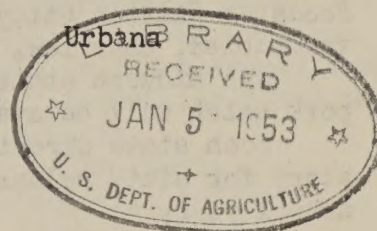
# MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

Midwest Area, Office of Information Services, Production & Marketing Administration  
United States Department of Agriculture, 623 South Wabash, Chicago 5, Illinois

July 9, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10-11	27th annual Cherry Festival	Traverse City, Mich.
July 15	N. Dakota State Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Fargo
July 16	Hearing on Milk Marketing Order	Minneapolis
July 16	Commodity Office meeting with Grain Warehousemen committee	Chicago
July 17	Commodity Office meeting with state PMA representatives, 6-state area	Chicago
July 17-18	Michigan Seed Dealers Assoc.	Mackinac Island, Mich.
July 18	Dairy Field Day-Purdue Univ.	W. Lafayette, Ind.
July 18	Michigan Ag. Mobilization Committee	Lansing
July 20-26	National Farm Safety Week	
July 21	Poultry Industry Day-U. of Ill.	
July 23-	Community elections of 1953	
August 2	PMA Committeemen and delegates in Iowa	



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender is in Columbia, Missouri, working on problems of consolidating USDA state offices.

Royce Dodge is in Minneapolis, working on space problems.

## AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, in Charge

Audit staff scattered pending completion of new offices on 7th floor, 623 South Wabash. Mr. Pauley and part of staff working in Conference Room. H. T. Schump has joined staff as auditor. New to government.

Annual audit of Illinois State PMA office and county offices begun this week.

Annual audit of Missouri school lunch and direct distribution programs is being conducted.

L. J. Roth visited PMA offices in Minneapolis this week.

## CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Director Bradley and staff will meet next Wednesday, July 16, with committee representing grain warehousemen and following day with representatives of state PMA offices in 6-state area.

Preparation of budget requirements continues.

Clinton Borden has transferred from Grain Branch office to Commodity Office as warehouse inspector. Several positions of this kind to be filled, in Transportation and Warehouse Division.

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CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE (Cont'd)

J. L. Whitehouse, Washington, visiting Commodity Offices in Chicago and Kansas City this week, concerning warehouse approval.

Commodity sales by county, state, and area offices in 6-state area around Chicago during week ended July 3 totaled 1,954,498 bushels of corn. Dairy purchases: 133,650 pounds dry skim milk and 65,985 pounds of cheese.

Kansas City Commodity Office sold 18,815 bags Pinto and 15,730 bags Great Northern beans, more than half for export.

DAIRY

Public hearing in Minneapolis on July 16 to consider changes in farmer prices for milk in Twin Cities area, linking prices more closely to those in Chicago.

Market Administrator in Kansas City, has issued statistical report covering all phases of milk marketing during 1950 and 1951.

USDA has recommended changes milk prices in Chicago area. July 24 deadline for submitting views.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Hal Bolin demonstrating food preservation methods in state institutions in Nebraska.

Food Trades Division promoting consumption of apricots week of July 14; peaches during period July 10-September 15. Arranged display of July Plentiful Foods on Clifton Utley television news program July 1: stewing hens, turkeys, vegetables, cherries.

All Midwest states have responded to queries on facilities for handling pork which will be available for school lunch and direct distribution programs.

Each state director of food distribution has been supplied with a news story for state release on amount of food and money provided to state during past school year.

Mrs. Minnie Sakowski, secretary, has departed on maternity leave.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Fresh Inspection, Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick, assistant supervisor, spending entire week in Michigan, and Mr. Sanborn will join him latter part of week, concerning inspection of cherries.

Messrs. Sanborn and Biddick will be in Washington next week, attending meeting of area supervisors regarding peanut inspection.

Processed Inspection, Max Austin, Supervisor

Pea harvest in Wisconsin and cherry harvest in Michigan and Wisconsin in full swing. David Patton, assistant supervisor, is working with inspectors at pea processing plants in Wisconsin. Mr. Austin will visit cherry harvest areas in Michigan next week. Nine inspectors in Wisconsin working on peas, 6 on cherries, 22 working on Michigan cherries, usually one inspector to a processing plant. Peach harvest in Arkansas greatly reduced by hot dry weather, said to be worst in 12 years.

Regulatory, W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Flood of disputes between potato buyers and sellers resulting from termination of ceiling prices on potatoes has subsided, although some disagreements remain to be settled.

To aid in marketing of large crop of sour cherries, USDA has offered to buy canned cherries to be distributed to school lunch and other eligible outlets. Purchases may total half million cases.



INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Foreign visitor, Te Tsui Chang, University of Taiwan, Formosa. Directed to several principal agricultural markets in Chicago, to study marketing methods.

Publicity given to new manpower policy of government, aimed at keeping experienced workers on farms.

LIVESTOCK - L. M. Wyatt, Group Leader

Livestock health men concerned over outbreak of hog disease called vesicular exanthema, seemingly centered around Omaha; also appearing in California. Has symptoms similar to foot and mouth disease, but is different. Omaha stockyards subject to extra sanitation measures. Limited quarantine being considered, prohibiting shipping live hogs out of certain parts of Nebraska and Missouri, but exact boundaries not yet decided.

Henry Uhler, market reporter trainee, transferred to Omaha this week.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Unofficial reports indicate that "Thomas Rider" was passed by Congress and signed by President under protest. Rider attached to Independent Offices Appropriation Bill, but applies to all government agencies; requires employee to use all 1952 leave before June 30, 1953; does not apply to leave accumulated before January 1, 1952. Employees with maximum amount of accumulated leave must use leave before end of last full pay period in 1952 or lose it.

Personnel office planning to reduce space occupied on 7th floor.

Simon Levka has returned to Chicago office as assistant classification officer, after 17 months in New York PMA office.

Maurice Ward will attend state-wide meeting of county committees in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Harold Gross, classification officer, spent Monday in Wisconsin state office.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading, L. J. Dolson, in charge

Mr. Dolson is visiting state inspection supervisors in Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri this week.

Effective July 1, Chicago area broadened to include following states: Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

New alignment of states supervised by Frank J. Santo, Des Moines, includes: North and South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Staff now located in new quarters, 6th floor, 623 S. Wabash.

Robert Coons, new special agent: lawyer from North Dakota.

Claudia Dicosola new clerk in charge of files. Mrs. Maxine Derova has left clerical staff.

Approximately 15 investigators working on cases involving shortage of CCC grain in commercial warehouses.



## WASHINGTON VISITORS

Marketing Facilities - C. E. Garver, M. V. Gerrity, and H. D. Johnson visiting Chicago and Austin, Minnesota, conducting tests on railroad equipment. F. P. DelleDonne and N. G. Paulhus will spend the next four weeks in Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota studying poultry and egg marketing methods and facilities.

## PMA STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Counties provided with map showing counties where aerial photographs have been taken for mapping purposes, during 1951-52.

List of about 300 lending agencies approved for making price support loans to farmers issued by state committee.

Counties asked to recommend changes that should be made in community boundaries, in preparation for election of PMA community committeemen for 1953.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Loan rates on 1952 wheat crop range from \$2.26 to \$2.38 per bushel, depending on county.

Counties instructed to send money collected on crop loans to Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago, beginning July 14.

Nineteen counties asked to report on progress in consolidating offices with other USDA agencies.

Iowa - Hervey Hazen, Chairman

Elections of PMA community committeemen and delegates to county conventions will be held by mail July 23-August 2, with county conventions to choose county committees all held on August 9.

County committees in flooded areas sent instructions on preparation of statistical report on Land Restoration Program.

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

PMA state committee met with representatives of other agricultural agencies to consider changes in ACP Handbook for 1953. Only one practice eliminated; few others changed. Must be approved in Washington before distribution to counties.

Eighteen counties overdue in reporting on corn expected to be taken over during June.

Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Counties supplied with list of about 150 lending agencies approved for making price support loans to farmers.

Southern Missouri in grip of severe drouth with shortage of feed threatened; PMA committees in northern counties asked to learn of farmers with feed to sell and send such information to southern counties.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman

Counties sent copies of Handbook covering grain loan and purchase programs for 1952.

Much of North Dakota facing drouth. Crop insurance salesmen urged to sell crop insurance on 1953 production now.

County committees asked to submit suggestions for ACP state handbook by July 18.

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PMA STATE COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Payments reduced slightly for seeding pasture, hay, or cover crops as part of Land Restoration Program. Maximum payment, 90 percent of cost.

Counties asked to send each wheat grower booklet showing advantages of putting crop under price support instead of selling early in season.

County loan rates on soybeans range from \$2.50 to \$2.55.

Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

Mr. Williams resigning as chairman, to be succeeded by Robert Miles. Charles Ross, farmer fieldman is new member of state committee. All changes effective July 18. Williams began as community committeeman in 1933, became member of state committee in 1936, chairman in 1947. Miles began as community committeeman in 1933, became member of state committee in 1947.

One wool handler in Ohio approved for price support loans.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Elections of 1953 community committeemen will be held by mail during July and August, with county conventions to elect county committees to be held not later than August 31. Each committee will take office day after county convention.

WITH MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Dakota Farmer

Editorial: List of wool handlers approved for negotiating loans for producers in Dakotas and Minnesota. Explanation of why USDA recommends extermination of diseased animals rather than vaccination for foot and mouth disease.

Principal article lists increases in production that might be possible by 1955, commodity by commodity.

Indiana Farmers Guide

List of county fairs, mostly held during July and August, with Indiana State Fair, August 28-September 6.

Indiana wheat crop improved; peach crop much better than last year, but below average; milk production up though fewer cows milked.

Wallace's Farmer, Iowa

Cover page illustrates care of farm machinery. Principal article reports pig crop back to level of 1949; 9% below 1951. Editorial: "All farm speeches have been loaded with double talk."

Michigan Farmer

Order nitrogen now for 1953.

The Farmer, Minnesota

Principal article: "It'll probably pay to store your '52 wheat." Dairy leaders meeting in Minneapolis this week on control of Brucellosis. City of Chicago rules only milk from brucellosis-free herds may be sold after July 1, 1955.

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WITH MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Missouri Ruralist

Principal article on draining wet spots in fields. Another on use of "bottled gas" as tractor fuel.

Nebraska Farmer

Editorial: Farmers who stayed in the hog business when prices were weak (last year) are now getting their reward.-----Grain growers with ample storage space and a loan program have a better opportunity to influence prices through orderly marketing, particularly at harvest time.

Ohio Farmer

Editorial. "Farmers are getting deeper into debt, but farmers capital assets have gone up 50 percent in last five years."

New apple variety, named Franklin, developed by Ohio Experiment Station.



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United States Department of Agriculture, 623 South Wabash, Chicago 5, Illinois  
July 17, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 17-18	Michigan Seed Dealers Assn.	Mackinac Island
July 17	Sheep Field Day - Michigan State College	E. Lansing, Michigan
July 17	6-state PMA meeting	Chicago, Illinois
July 18	Dairy Field Day-Purdue Univ.	W. Lafayette, Indiana
July 18	Michigan Ag'l. Mobilization Committee	Lansing, Michigan
July 20-26	NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK	
July 22	Missouri Ag'l. Mobilization Committee	Columbia, Missouri
July 22	Michigan Farm Homemakers Conference	E. Lansing, Michigan
July 23-26	American Dairy Assn. Exec.Comm.	St. Paul, Minnesota
July 25	Nebraska Ag'l. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln, Nebraska
July 29	Grain Storage & Equipment Demonstration	Decatur, Illinois
July 31	Purdue Summer Ag'l. Conference	W. Lafayette, Indiana
July 31	Dedication of County USDA Bldg.	Baldwin, Wisconsin
July 31	Conference on tomato color measurement	Columbus, Ohio
August 1	National Duroc Jersey Congress	Indianapolis, Indiana

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender is visiting Indianapolis, consulting with Federal and state officials on progress of remodeling office building to house consolidated USDA offices.

Ruth Ehrlich has returned for six weeks assignment in Kansas City, supervising transfer of inactive records of Kansas City Commodity Office to General Services Administration file depository.

## AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Chief

Floyd C.D. McFall, of Kansas City, has joined the staff as auditor. Recruiting continues for three other positions as auditor.

Staff is assembling data for annual report to Washington to be incorporated into annual report of Office of Audit.

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CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Budget estimate, based on anticipated work load during present fiscal year, has been completed and sent to Washington.

Director Bradley met representatives of grain warehouse trade in 6 Midwestern states on Wednesday and representatives of state PMA offices on Thursday of this week.

Marvin Smith, Assistant Director, conferred in Saginaw, Michigan, with representatives of the Michigan Bean Shippers Association; with Drexel Watson, Director, and D.E. McGarry, of Grain Branch in Washington; and representatives of state PMA office. Bean storage agreement was discussed, on basis of last year's experience. Considerable portion of this year's bean crop in Michigan is expected to be stored in warehouses and put under price support loan.

Albert Borton, Grain Branch, Washington, visited Director Bradley and staff on Wednesday.

Chicago Commodity Office and PMA offices in six states last week sold 2,560,832 bushels of corn and 3,971 bushels of wheat. Office bought 249,660 pounds of spray process dry skim milk and 63,748 pounds of cheese.

Kansas City Commodity Office last week sold 14,547 bags of beans for export and 3,441 bags for domestic use. Other sales: 48,060 bushels of corn; 95,300 lbs. of grain sorghum, 1,207 bushels of wheat for domestic consumption, and 56,536 bushels of wheat for export.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

S. L. Fortenberry has transferred to Washington, after two years in Chicago.

Frank Zeglin has returned from investigation in Denver.

James A. Ramsted has returned from investigation in Toledo.

Following special agents are on investigations in designated areas:

Lee Coons, Minnesota; Paul Hirsch, Michigan; Robert Coons, Michigan; Sidney Norin, Michigan; John Hickey, Indiana; James McLenighan, Iowa; Ralph Aiken, North Dakota; Thomas Berry, Illinois; Palmer Ellingson, Illinois; F.F. Freeman, Iowa; John Maloney, Nebraska. Most investigations have to do with alleged conversion of CCC-owned grain.

DAIRY

Dairy Branch, Washington, has offered to buy 14 million pounds of processed cheese and 1 million pounds of cheddar cheese, to be distributed to school lunch and other eligible outlets.

Washington office announced this week that it had turned down all offers to repackage CCC dry skim milk, and offers to sell packaged dry skim milk to USDA for use in school lunch program. Prices too high.

Thirty lots of dry skim milk suitable only for animal feed have been offered for sale to highest bidders. Mostly stored in Midwest.

Chicago Milk Market Office - A. W. Colebank, Administrator

Report for June shows producers in Chicago milk shed sold over 383 million pounds of milk, for \$15.5 million, during June, compared with 395 million pounds for \$16 million in May. Uniform price to producers, \$4.12 both months.

USDA has recommended new alternative formula for calculating base price of milk in Milwaukee market. July 29 deadline for offering opinions.

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small will go to Michigan to confer with chief of state Bureau of Dairying.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer in St. Paul this week, conferring with Andrew Taylor, state school lunch director.

John Janus also in Minnesota, arranging for distribution of school lunch foods and money to private schools in Minnesota. In addition, expects to contact food trades in interest of Plentiful Foods Program.

Walter Patterson will visit Ohio, John Janus will visit Wisconsin, and John Means will make visits in Iowa and Nebraska next week promoting Plentiful Foods programs on peaches and pears.

Joan Mannix has joined staff as clerk.

Acceptances have been received from all 11 Midwestern states for attendance at annual meeting of state supervisors of school lunch and direct distribution programs, to be held in Chicago August 27-8-9.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Processed Products - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin visiting cherry producing area of western Michigan where harvest is in full swing, and canning and freezing plants are in operation.

Cherry harvest and packing heavy in Wisconsin. Harvest and pack of early pea crop nearing end; late peas starting.

Hot weather in Iowa has moved up date of sweet corn harvest in that state; starting date now estimated about August 10.

Regulatory Division - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Regulatory work in slack season.

Mr. Gibson visiting points in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa issuing licenses to fruit and vegetable dealers.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn and Assistant Supervisor Earl Biddick returned from conference in Washington on peanut inspection.

Conference to be held at Columbus, Ohio, July 31-August 1 on mechanical methods of determining color in tomatoes. PMA supervisors and experiment station people will attend.

Mr. Biddick will conduct 4-day training schools for tomato inspectors at Maywood, Indiana, beginning August 5, and at Bowling Green, Ohio, beginning August 12. Nearly 100 inspectors expected at each school.

Potato harvest and accompanying inspection in central Nebraska started this week.

Heavy rain and hail storms in Red River Valley damaged 60% of potato crop near Moorhead, Minn.; considerable damage near Grand Forks, N.D.

GRAIN

Washington staff members of Grain Branch are making several visits to Midwest on various projects: Wilson Westbrook, marketing specialist, conferring in Kansas City and Columbia, Mo., on price support programs on grains and seeds. Alvah Troyer and William Dachtler, will confer with state PMA and experiment station people in Lincoln and Des Moines on experimental studies of grain storage at bin sites.

Albina F. Masil, botanist, is conducting a seed testing school in Minneapolis, July 14-August 11.

Secretary Brannan announced national acreage goal for 1953 wheat, 72 million acres, 8 percent below 1952 acreage, producing about 1,080 million bushels, with average yields.

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INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Ten French farm paper editors visited Chicago Monday and Tuesday and were escorted to stock yards, packing plants, farm organizations and newspapers and magazines serving farmers. Trip sponsored by Mutual Security Administration and USDA Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

LIVESTOCK

Insecticide Division

William Tiedt will visit Indianapolis and Cincinnati during the next week.

Wool Appraisal Division

Office now located on 7th floor, at 623 South Wabash.

Wool clip now moving to market in large volume, with heaviest amounts concentrated in Boston. Lionel Duquette, core sampler, and Joseph Costello, appraiser, assigned to wool appraisal office in Boston for next two weeks, to aid in work there. Charles C. Henley, appraiser in charge, Chicago office, will visit Boston next week to study appraisal methods being used there under new price support program.

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Livestock Market at Atkinson, Nebraska, was suspended for 30 days from July 11, by USDA; improper trade practices and insufficient records.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Notice from Director of Personnel, USDA, concerning annual leave restrictions is quoted as follows:

"1. All annual leave earned since January 1, 1952 which would increase an employee's accumulation at the close of business December 20, 1952, above 60 days, or above the maximum accumulation he carried over on January 1, 1952, if more than 60 days, must be used by December 20, 1952, or be lost.

2. All annual leave earned since January 1, 1952, which will not increase an employee's accumulation as of close of business, December 20, 1952, above 60 days or above the maximum accumulation he carried over on January 1, 1952, if more than 60 days, must be used by June 30, 1953, or be lost."

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Latest revision of "Whitten amendment" provides that any agency may promote any employee permanently if such promotion will not increase the number of employees holding permanent positions in that grade above the number existing on August 31, 1950. Steps now being taken to carry out terms of this new provision. Some trading may be possible between USDA agencies with USDA Office of Personnel serving as clearing house.

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Warehouse examiners for Kansas City and Minneapolis Commodity Offices have been procured to meet requirements. Chicago office still recruiting.

POULTRY

Market News - Floyd Simpson, Reporter in Charge.

Egg prices at Chicago have climbed 3-5 cents in past week as supplies have shortened because of summer weather; quality is down. No longer possible to report market price on eggs grading 60% A; top grade now is 40% A.

Broiler market steady; stewing hens continue plentiful and low priced; turkey prices dropping as supply increases, particularly small birds of Beltsville breed.

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## STATE PMA COMMITTEES

### Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Counties sent new instruction on making loans to farmers for building grain storage bins.

Counties notified of removal of ceilings on farm wages; new allowances for using copper aluminum and steel in houses under NPA's self-certification plan.

### Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Counties provided with new material for ACP Handbook.

Urged to take steps to get best possible candidates for community committee-men.

Counties will start listing Burley tobacco producers, preparing for referendum on marketing quotas on 1953 crop.

### Iowa - H. E. Hazen, Chairman

Farmers needing storage space may rent CCC bins at rate of 1 cent per bushel of capacity for two-month period.

County chairmen authorized to sign agreements with lending agencies to make price support loans to farmers.

### Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Fifteen banks added to list of approved lending agencies in state.

Announcement of price support program for hay and pasture seed.

USDA offer to buy canned sour cherries, as means of helping growers get better price, announced to counties. Michigan is No.1 producer of sour cherries.

### Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Counties reminded to make deduction for farm storage loan payments from price support loans made to farmers on wheat crop.

Second list of 42 banks approved to make price support loans.

Forty four counties of southern Missouri designated as disaster areas, because of drouth. USDA Mobilization Committees in adjoining states trying to assemble feed to be shipped in.

### Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Election of delegates to county PMA conventions will be held by mail August 11-20; all county conventions will be held on August 29; new committee members will take office September 1.

About 275 banks listed for making price support loans.

### Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

State meeting of county chairmen held last week. Group divided into several committees, each dealing with major phase of PMA program, and each submitting report of problems and recommendations. Method considered successful.

National program of loans to farmers for building storage bins begun in 1949 has been extended for another year, to June 30, 1953.

### Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties notified that construction of farm ponds and certain types of permanent fences will be eligible for ACP payments.

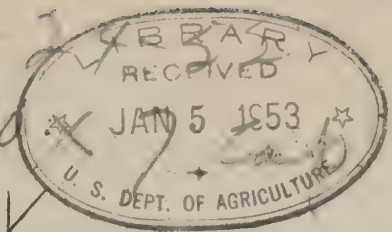
New procedures for handling price support loans, with added responsibility placed in county.







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# MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

Midwest Area, Office of Information Services, Production and Marketing Administration, United States Dept. of Agriculture, 623 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill.

July 24, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25	Nebraska Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Lincoln, Nebraska
July 29-30	Grain Storage & Equipment Demonstration	Decatur, Illinois
July 31	Purdue Summer Ag'l. Conference	W. Lafayette, Ind.
July 31	Dedication of County USDA Bldg.	Baldwin, Wis.
July 31	Conference on tomato color measurement	Columbus, Ohio
August 1	National Duroc Jersey Congress	Indianapolis, Ind.
August 1-31	Green Pastures Month	Kentucky
August 4-6	International Apple Ass'n Hotel Jefferson	St. Louis, Missouri
August 5	Tomato Inspectors School	Maywood, Indiana
August 8-17	Illinois State Fair	Springfield, Illinois
August 8	Iowa Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Des Moines, Iowa
August 9	Iowa PMA County Conventions	
August 10-14	American Institute of Cooperation Annual Meeting, Michigan State College	E. Lansing, Michigan
August 10	All Iowa Fair	Cedar Rapids, Iowa

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

PMA and FCIC quarters in Brunswick Building will be painted and re-lighted during next few weeks. Painters expect to start work on 5th floor August 4, and work upward, devoting week to each floor. Electricians will replace present fixtures with fluorescent lights following first coat of paint.

New handbook issued to field offices is quick, easy reference on procedures to follow in procuring supplies, services, space, forms, equipment, etc.

## AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Chief

Auditor Tom Vopatek has completed school lunch program audits in Missouri. A Chicago meeting of PMA State Office auditors in the 11 midwest states is planned for around mid-August. Purpose is discussion and training. Washington representatives from Office of Audit and Office of Ass't. Administrator for Production will attend.

Report of accomplishments for fiscal year ended June 1952, has been prepared.



COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Intensive effort being made by Chicago staff and by county committees in Midwest area to complete approval of warehouses for storing grain owned by CCC or put under price support loan by farmers. Commodity Office investigates and approves terminal and sub-terminal warehouses; county PMA committees approve country warehouses. More detailed procedure, more exacting requirements before approval is granted, compared with past years.

Mr. Bradley met in Minneapolis on Monday with Raub Snyder, Assistant PMA Administrator; John Dean, Deputy Assistant Administrator; William McArthur, Deputy Director of Grain Branch; James Cole and Donald Smith, directors of Commodity Offices in Minneapolis and Kansas City; and representatives of state PMA Committees in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Procedures for approval of grain warehouses was principal topic.

Fiscal Branch is issuing notice to all employees explaining the limitations of leave accumulation.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Special investigators on new assignments since last week: John Maloney, South Dakota; Palmer Ellingson and F. F. Freeman, Iowa; Thomas Berry and James Ramsted, Illinois; A. C. Christian, Assistant Chief, has returned from investigation in Ohio. Cases concerned with alleged shortage of CCC-owned grain stored in commercial warehouse.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small visits Nashville on Thursday to confer with E. H. Holeman, superintendent of Tennessee state division of foods and dairies.

Federal administrators in milk market areas in Midwest report following prices paid to producers during month of June, for milk testing 3.5% fat:

Quad Cities (Ill.-Ia.)	\$4.06	Duluth-Superior	\$3.74
Dubuque	3.89	CedarRapids-Iowa City	3.88
South Bend-LaPorte	4.21	Toledo	4.42
Kansas City (3.8% fat)	4.28	St. Louis	4.32
Cleveland	4.14		
Dayton	4.17		

Changes in price formula for Neosho Valley (Mo.-Kan.) marketing order to be considered at public hearing Pittsburg, Kansas, August 4.

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, In Charge

Mrs. Mary E. Wopereis, formerly with Quartermaster Subsistence School, joined the laboratory as clerk-typist on July 21.

Dr. Hedrick has returned from a business survey trip to Medford, Wisconsin.



FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION - J. Francis Buck, Manager

(FCIC activities will be reported and distribution of "Shoptalk" will be made to FCIC staff hereafter.)

Chicago Branch Office of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation serves as nation-wide business office of Corporation, servicing policy holders in 43 states covering 31 farm crops. Chicago office handles all money collected for premiums, pays claims, settles disputes. County PMA offices deal with farmers in sale of crop insurance.

Some 350,000 farmers in 838 counties have crop insurance policies this year. Farmers in each county in effect have small mutual insurance company, operating independently of all others. If losses are small over period of years, premium rates go down; if losses are large, rates go up. Farmer may insure his crop up to cost of planting; not for entire value of full crop. Example: if farmer's investment in wheat is \$18 per acre, and he harvests only 6 bushels, worth \$2 each, FCIC would pay him \$6 per acre difference.

Over past four years, 1948-51, Corporation paid out 97¢ for each dollar collected in premiums; in 1951, payments were \$1.10 for each dollar collected; difference made up out of reserve funds.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

J. F. Hoofnagle, Deputy Administrator of FDB, will visit office July 28-29. Walter Patterson in Michigan, John Janus in Wisconsin and Minnesota, Jack Means in Iowa and Kansas City on plentiful foods promotion. Apricots, peaches, pears, and turkeys are feature.

Hal Bolin to demonstrate food preservation methods in Michigan next week.

All Midwestern states except Michigan and Illinois being offered Bartlett pears, to be purchased from growers in California and Oregon as part of surplus removal and price support program; for use in school lunch and other eligible outlets. Michigan and Illinois have substantial pear production of their own.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, In Charge

Investigator Edward Gibson worked in and around Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin, early this week. Will go to Minneapolis later in period. Investigator J. W. Branch will go to St. Louis and Joplin, Missouri on July 28.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Early potato shipments starting in northern Colorado promise usual boost in inspection work.

Illinois canners will start receiving tomatoes July 28. Estimate 20-25 inspectors will be engaged during canning season.

Preparing for Illinois peach movement which will begin about August 15.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Extended hot weather is having ill effect upon prices, amount of trading and quality of homegrown fruits and vegetables. Nearly 100 carloads of homegrown items arriving by truck daily.

Thomas C. Hill who has been reporting on watermelons at Allendale, South Carolina, is expected to return to duty at the Chicago office within the next week or so.

Visitors to the market this week included a group from Israel who were especially interested in citrus. An occasional car of Israel oranges have been received at the market in the past.



## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE (Cont'd)

### Processed Products - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin in Michigan where cherry harvest continues in full swing with accompanying inspection work.

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M. E. McGaha and R. L. Hawes, Research and Statistics Division, in Kansas City, Missouri, for five week period in connection with study of consumer acceptance of prepackaged grapes. Study will be conducted in nine representative retail food stores in K.C. area. Donald R. Stokes, R. & S. Division, will supervise opening phases of study.

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Branch announced this week it will buy Bartlett pears in western states, starting about end of July, to aid growers in marketing of crop. Pears to be distributed for school lunch and welfare purposes.

### INFORMATION BRANCH - John C. Baker, Chief

Market news services for press associations being skeletonized during convention week.

### GRAIN BRANCH

Grain Branch, Washington, has arranged two-day meeting and demonstration of grain storage in bins and quonsets at Decatur, Illinois on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Results of recent research in pest control, ventilation, handling equipment, and other aspects of storage to be reported. PMA staff members from all corn growing states will attend.

### Inspection Field Office - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

District supervisors from Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Peoria and Cedar Rapids meet Thursday, July 24, with F. C. Heiss, administrative officer of Grain Branch, Washington. Similar meeting will be held Friday in Kansas City.

Harvest of winter wheat reported progressing on schedule, with activity now in northern Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan.

### LIVESTOCK

Livestock market newsmen report several states have prohibited importing hogs unless intended for slaughter at Federally inspected plants as means of bringing vesicular exanthema under control. Since most hogs are intended for slaughter rather than reshipment, embargoes have had little influence on market receipts or prices, but disease is topic of much conversation. Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia among states where embargoes have been placed. In some states, sales barns may not handle hogs; garbage feeding facilities quarantined because "V.E." known to be transmitted through garbage. Emphasis in all states on disinfection. In California where disease first appeared few weeks ago, situation reported to be under control, although one ranch under quarantine and few packers temporarily not slaughtering hogs.

James D. Tuggle has joined Packers and Stockyards staff in Omaha, as marketing specialist. Kentuckian, degrees from Western State College and U. of Illinois.



PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Will schedule contacts for thirty-one visitors from Western Europe who will be in Chicago August 4-8. Accompanied by Louis Herman of Dairy Branch, group will study marketing of dairy products.

POULTRY

Market News - Floyd Simpson, Reporter in Charge

L. M. Davis, supervisor of market news from Washington, was visitor on Wednesday.

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Preparing for about three weeks of intensive work beginning August 1, when 20 inspectors from over area will be assigned to duty in Chicago, grading eggs delivered in fulfillment of futures contracts on Mercantile Exchange.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Official inspection recently provided for new dressing plants in Louisiana and Michigan, to handle chickens; turkey plant in Wisconsin and rabbit plant in northwest Arkansas.

Rabbit industry centering around Arkansas plant has grown rapidly; plant now dresses and markets about 2500 rabbits per day, from Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas, as well as local areas. Rabbits marketed at 10-11 weeks. Special meat-producing strains have been developed, with wide variety of colors, but whites preferred because of higher value of pelts.

W. D. Termohlen, director of Poultry Branch, will visit Chicago Monday to confer with Messrs. Dolson and Buchanan.

PMA STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois-Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Counties requested to submit estimated cost of space and utility services for preparation of 1953 fiscal year county budgets.

Counties notified that meeting to review ARC program should be held in near future.

167 additional lending agencies approved to make price support loans.

Indiana-L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Instructions and forms sent to Tobacco County Committees for completing work on 1952 tobacco crop.

Payment of all 1951 MCP applications is expected within next six weeks.

Iowa - Hervey Hazen, Chairman

Election of community committeemen and delegates to county conventions is being held by mail July 23 to noon August 2. Conventions to elect county committees and alternates will be held August 9. New Committee members take office August 11.

Counties furnished with election publicity material, including seven suggested news stories, letter to voters, special radio material.

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PMA STATE COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Counties given farm scrap picture as viewed by scrap dealers and users at recent Washington meeting.

Counties furnished with suggested letters to wheat producers, boosting 1953 wheat insurance program.

Election of community committeemen and delegates to county conventions will be held by mail August 18 through September 8. New Committee members take office September 15.

Missouri-E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Additional 32 lending agencies approved to make price support loans.

Counties attention directed to provisions of new Commodity Loans and Purchase Handbook outlining procedure for handling CCC collections.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman

County Mobilization Committees urged to cooperate with education programs aimed at saving grain in transit and boosting production through farm safety practices.

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Imperial Cooperative Equity Exchange, Imperial, Nebraska, previously suspended by Federal Warehouse authorities, re-entered on counties list of approved warehouses.

Following delivery points approved for honey turned over to CCC in payment of loans or offered under purchase agreement: Battle Creek, Darr, Elkhorn, Jansen, Loup City, Oakland, Oshkosh.

Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

FCIC has requested State Crop Insurance Director to furnish estimates of probable number and amounts of indemnities to be paid under the various 1952 crop insurance programs.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties furnished with revisions in County Administrative Manual.

WITH MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Nebraska Farmer

Editorial: The Department of Agriculture is taking a gamble on the wheat situation. Tension in international relations and greater need for larger reserve have influenced Secretary Brannan against controls on 1953 crop.

Principal article says next twelve months should see fewer hogs for sale, continued good demand for pork and higher prices.

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WITH MIDWEST FARM PAPERS (Cont'd)

**Wisconsin Agriculturist'**

Editorial takes a peek at 1975, sees 193 million people, 65 million passenger cars, farm population drop to 7 million but 40 percent bigger food production.

Cover article advises saving of straw.

**Ohio Farmer**

Editorial: The railroads are in bad shape unless something is done. Industry-wide board calls for lifting of crippling restrictions to enable competition with other forms of transportation.

Second of four articles on European agriculture tells about farming conditions in Italy.

**Wallace's Farmer**

Editorial cites things farmer will have to do for himself when price level stabilizes or starts down. Price supports will help.

Poll shows that two out of three farmers are battling Canadian thistles, hard-to-handle weed.

**The Dakota Farmer**

Editorial suggests that, if asked about parity farm prices, inquire whether old, new, transitional or effective parity is meant. Reading of "Parity Handbook" might save a lot of mixed-up discussion.

Article has modern approach to problem of new farming practices that don't seem to fit into long standing owner-renter agreement.

**Prairie Farmer**

Principal article on new styles in corn cribs.

Editorial in favor of lower tariffs. "You can't go wrong" on PMA loan for grain storage.

**Michigan Farmer**

Editorial and principal article on farm safety.

**The Farmer (Minnesota)**

Articles on new breeds of turkeys, keeping grain clean, drying grain. Editorial chides farmers for lack of interest in control of brucellosis.





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# MIDWEST SHOP TALK

Midwest Area, Office of Information Services, Production & Marketing Administration  
U. S. Department of Agriculture, 623 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago 5, Ill.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*[July 31, 1952]*

August 1	National Duroc Jersey Congress	Indianapolis, Ind.
August 1-2	United Duroc Record Ass'n.	Peoria, Ill.
August 1-31	Green Pastures Month	Kentucky
August 4	Richmond District Barrow Show	Centerville, Indiana
August 4-6	International Apple Ass'n. Hotel Jefferson	St. Louis, Missouri
August 6-10	Annual Rural Youth Conference	Shakamak Park, Ind.
August 5	Tomato Inspectors School	Maywood, Indiana
August 8-17	Illinois State Fair	Springfield, Illinois
August 8	Iowa Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Des Moines, Iowa
August 9	Iowa PMA County Conventions	
August 9	Annual Ozark Empire Fair	Springfield, Mo.
August 10-14	American Institute of Cooperation Annual Meeting, Michigan State College	E. Lansing, Mich.
August 10	All Iowa Fair	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
August 11-14	Nat'l Food Dist. Ass'n.	Chicago, Illinois
August 12	N. Dakota Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Fargo, North Dakota
August 12	Tomato Inspectors School	Bowling Green, Ohio
August 14-29	Ohio PMA Elections	
August 15	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	E. Lansing, Mich.
August 16-24	Wisconsin State Fair	Milwaukee, Wis.
August 17-19	Illinois Feed Association	Springfield, Ill.
August 17-24	Sixth Annual International Grassland Congress Penn State College	Pennsylvania

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mrs. Ruth Ehrlich plans to attend Records Management Meeting in Washington, August 4-5.

## OFFICE OF AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Chief

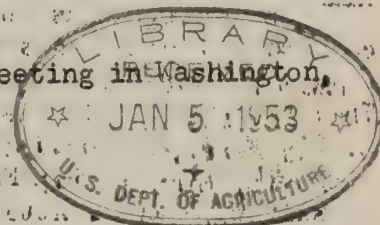
Loses states of Missouri and Nebraska, gets Kentucky and Montana, in realignment of Office of Audit Districts. School lunch audits, however, continue under former district set-up.

Loss of Missouri-Nebraska audit work includes that of Kansas City Commodity Office, also audits made for that office in Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming.

Following four auditors operating out of Kansas City expected to be transferred to Dallas as result of realignment: M. R. Langton, E. E. Caverley, J. H. Bissett, and J. A. Brockman.

L. J. Roth returned from general supervisory visit to Kansas City Commodity Office.

Office performed 493 audits during past fiscal year compared with 443 in previous fiscal year. Increase was accomplished in spite of smaller personnel.





COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Under new price support loan plan, notes signed by farmers for 1952 crop grain and seed loans will remain in the 600 counties of the Chicago area until maturity. Formerly, all notes owned by CCC were immediately sent to the Chicago Commodity Office. Usually loans are made by local banks upon county committee approval. Notes for loans will henceforth stay in the banks. Where local bank is not available, loan can be made directly on a draft drawn on CCC by the PMA County Committee Chairman, and note will remain in the county office. In either case, under new plan farmers can always conveniently and quickly repay their loans, and immediately regain full control of the grain pledged as loan collateral.

Where the grain on which the loan has been made is farm stored, a farmer who does not repay his loan in cash can likewise arrange promptly for grain delivery and obtain immediate settlement of his account at the county office. At maturity, all banks will sell their unpaid CCC loans to the county committee, who will pay the banks by immediately drawing drafts on CCC. County offices will remit cash for loans repaid to them directly to the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

County offices will make only summarized monthly loan reports to state and commodity offices, but they will keep a detailed loan history record and file for every loan made. This greatly reduces the files and records of the state and commodity offices. The latter, however, will maintain necessary accounts from these and other county office reports and schedules. So far, although early in the season, the Chicago Commodity Office has received 153 of the summary reports for the month ended July 15.

Commodity offices during week ended July 26, sold 2,590,858 bushels of wheat, 1,702,742 bushels corn, 87,300 bushels barley, 7,164 bushels of oats, 102,290 bwt. grain sorghums, 9,574 bushels soybeans, 30,593 cwt. dry edible beans, 400 cwt. Austrian Winter peas.

Marvin Smith to Milwaukee on Transportation and Warehousing business.

COMPLIANCE - John Clagett, Chief

Investigations in connection with alleged shortages CCC-owned grain in commercial warehouses still comprise bulk of work.

Investigators on special assignments this week: Martin H. Ryan, Iowa; Thomas Berry, Illinois; Edward Nealon, Paul Hirsch, Michigan; W. Tripp, E. Piala, Minneapolis; John Hickey, Indiana; Ken King, Kansas City; Lee Coons, Rusheville, Illinois; Frank Zeglin, Cincinnati; Palmer Ellingson, Iowa to consult with U. S. Attorney.

John McLenighan returned from Mason City, Iowa.

DAIRY

Federal Milk marketing order has been recommended for Stark County, Ohio, area. Order would include cities of Alliance, Canton and Massillon.

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, In Charge

Publication of article on laboratory by Dr. Hedrick in "Bakers Helper" is expected soon.

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Processing of PMA contracts for cheese and dry milk solids to be distributed under school lunch program this fall, will begin next week by some suppliers. Accompanying increase in inspection work.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION - J. Francis Buck, Manager

Manager Buck, Mel C. Brandt, Charles E. Pettengell and Robert C. Zeller in Washington on July 25-26 to discuss budget matters and attend management improvement meeting.

Visitors past week included Fred Northrup, Assistant Manager FCIC, Washington.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Received following 1952-53 school lunch allotments for midwest states; Illinois \$2,407,856, Indiana \$1,470,023, Iowa \$1,023,756, Michigan \$2,219,192, Minnesota, \$1,250,971, Missouri \$1,478,356, Nebraska \$491,281, North Dakota \$309,157, South Dakota \$298,992, Ohio \$2,575,689, Wisconsin \$1,323,071.

Also received allocation of 150 carloads of Washington Bartlett Pears and 1,960,400 pounds of dry edible beans for donation to area states for use in school lunch and other outlets.

Working overtime processing school lunch agreements with private schools.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Cherry inspection work in Michigan and potato inspections in Hereford, Texas, drawing to a close. Inspectors will shift to tomato canning plants in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, In Charge

Investigating 53 new complaints received from July 1 through 23.

Federal produce license of Earl Riley Burton, doing business as West Frankfort Produce Company, West Frankfort, Illinois, was revoked effective August 7 for violation of PAC Act.

License of Harry Cohen, operating as Case Fruit Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was reinstated after settlement of claim connected with 1951 violation of Act.

Investigator Edward Gibson in Omaha at mid-week, working toward Chicago. Wilson Miller in South.

GRAIN

Inspection Field Office - Hazen P. English

Visitors included Rey W. Lennartson, Assistant Administrator for Marketing.

Wheat harvest is practically completed in Kansas and is well along in Nebraska. Quality of crop highest in several years. Lighter test weight wheat arriving from areas in Northern Kansas and Nebraska due to high temperatures during the ripening stage, but protein content is sharply higher.



INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

John Baker to Decatur, Illinois, on Tuesday and Wednesday for meeting and demonstration of grain storage in bins and quonsets; to Lafayette, Indiana on Thursday for Purdue Summer Agricultural Conference.

Clerk-Typist Ruth Sellers employed on temporary basis during vacation periods of regular clerical staff.

LIVESTOCK

John Hitz, formerly of San Francisco office, is new Supervisor of Meat Grading for Chicago area.

Latest action in Federal-State drives to eradicate vesicular exanthema among hogs is federal quarantine of certain areas in sixteen states. Order, administered by Bureau of Animal Industry, forbids hogs originating in quarantined areas to move interstate except by permit to an approved establishment for immediate slaughter and further processing to prevent spread of the disease.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Full time personnel in PMA on June 30 totalled 10,173, including 2,831 in Midwest area. Employees in Federal Milk Market Administrators' offices - 652 nationally, 360 midwest - not included.

POULTRY

Market News - Floyd Simpson, Reporter in Charge

Dewey Termohlen, Poultry Branch Chief, was visitor this week.

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Dale Shearer, Assistant Supervisor, made supervisory trip through South during past week.

Proposed amendments to inspection and grading regulations would allow more discretion in turning down applications for poultry and egg grading services or denying services to persons already receiving them.

WITH MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Indiana Farmers Guide

Editorial suggests that increasing interest of farm women in farm organizations bodes well for America.

Principal article tells how smart job of fertilizing paid off for one farmer.

Missouri Ruralist

Editorial points to spiritual awakening in USA, reflected in outstanding work in reorganizing and revitalizing of rural churches.

More than 20 minerals in Missouri bring in some 125 million dollars annually, principal article states.

## PMA STATE COMMITTEES

### Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Counties given tabulation showing analyses of limestone samples obtained by them from Illinois sources during period July 12, 1952 through July 19, 1952.

Counties furnished county price support rates for 1952 corn,

Instructions to counties outlining methods to be followed in drawing samples, determining quantity, inspection fees and related information connected with Honey Price Support Program.

### Iowa - H. E. Hazen, Chairman

News releases by Iowa Selective Service System, relating to agricultural deferments, transmitted to counties.

Annual Report gives statistical data of PMA programs in Iowa for 1950-51 crop years.

### Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Tobacco County Committees' attention called to instructions pertaining to the collection of producer indebtedness.

### Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Grain storage agreements executed by five warehousemen cancelled or suspended by CCC.

Counties furnished with list of approved wool handlers and warehousemen approved to store wool under 1952 price support program.

### Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Counties will be notified about mid-August of their administrative budgets for fiscal year 1953.

Counties furnished forms for reporting on commodities taken over under loans and purchase agreements.

Eleven additional lending agencies approved to make price support loans.

### Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Supplemental list of twenty-eight approved lending agencies sent to counties.

### North Dakota - John Kasper

Each county committee furnished with copies of blank Power of Attorney form.

County Mobilization Committees urged to cooperate in educational work dealing with conservation and sanitation of grain.

### Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

Position of Crop Insurance Fieldman, held by Mr. Revell Yarger, has been discontinued. Yarger assigned as Fieldman for a regular district. Eight Fieldmen's districts now exist, compared with former seven.

PMA elections August 14-29 will name community committeemen and delegates to county conventions, where county committees to operate 1953 programs will be elected.

### Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties furnished with background notes on Federal Crop Insurance.

Approved regulations and instructions on establishment of 1953 tobacco acreage allotments expected to be mailed to County Committees week of August 4.



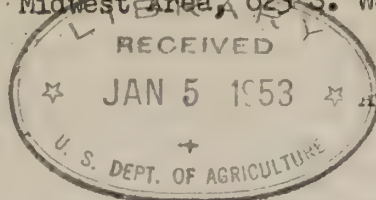


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United States Department of Agriculture, Production & Marketing Administration  
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August 7, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 8-16	Illinois State Fair	Springfield
August 10-14	American Institute of Cooperation	E. Lansing, Michigan
August 10-17	All-Iowa Fair	Cedar Rapids
August 11-14	National Food Distributors Assn.	Chicago
August 11-15	PMA Community Committee Elections	Missouri
August 12	North Dakota Ag'l Mobilization Committee	Fargo
August 12	Tomato Inspectors School	Bowling Green, Ohio
August 12	Chicago USDA Club	Chicago
August 14-29	PMA Community Committee Elections	Ohio
August 16-24	Wisconsin State Fair	West Allis
August 16-24	Missouri State Fair	Jefferson City
August 16	PMA County Conventions	Missouri
August 17-23	International Grassland Conference	State College, Pa.
August 17-19	Illinois Feed Association	Springfield
August 20	Warehousemen Work Committee	Chicago
August 20-22	PMA County Auditors, 8 states	Chicago
August 21	PMA Commodity Office, 6 states	Chicago
August 21	PMA Fieldmen meeting	Des Moines, Iowa
August 22-29	Ohio State Fair	Columbus
August 22	Field Day, Sand Experiment Station	Culver, Indiana
August 23-Sept. 1	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul
August 23-Sept. 1	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines

AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Acting Assistant Chief Auditor

Fred Neville and Max Skilnik have begun audit of state school lunch and direct distribution agency in South Dakota; Tom Vopatek has begun similar audit in Minnesota.

M.R. Langton has completed audit of Kansas City grain company in connection with loss to CCC grain resulting from flood.

Annual audit of Illinois state PMA office and county offices has been completed.

Auditors of General Accounting Office have begun annual audit of CCC, and will visit representative county PMA offices.

Washington visitor: James Gallagher, checking on audits of School Lunch and Direct Distribution programs.

Mary Daniels, clerk, has resigned to become secretary to president of George Williams College.



COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Approximately 100 applications for new grain storage contracts have been received from country elevator operators in six states. These applications have been cleared by county and state PMA committees. Forty applications have been received from terminal and sub-terminal warehouses, for which no county or state approval is necessary. Approximately 1500 country elevators signed old Uniform Grain Storage Agreement; 1100 others have agreements providing for handling (but not storing) CCC grain. New agreements must be signed before elevators are eligible to store 1952 crop corn under price support loan or to store CCC grain from new crop.

Solicitor's Office reports that John Zink, former manager of Kasbeer Farmers Elevator, Kasbeer, Illinois, was placed on three years probation and fined court costs last month after pleading guilty to charges of converting CCC corn. Shortage involved about 10,000 bushels. Zink was indicted by grand Jury at Springfield, Ill., last December 5 and entered guilty plea April 30.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION. - John Clagett, Chief

Mr. Clagett to Minneapolis Wednesday on official business.

Special agents conducting investigations in following states: John Hickey, James McLonighan and Lee Coons, Illinois; William Tripp and Ed Piala, Minnesota; Frank Zeglin, Ohio; Ken King, Missouri.

CROP INSURANCE. J.F. Buck, Manager

Drouth in southeast and northeast expected to result in extensive claims of crop damage, but claims will not appear in Chicago office for another 30 days.

Distinguished visitor: Akram Zainal, Director General, Agricultural Bank of Iraq, spending week in FCIC office, studying crop insurance program.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading. Ed Small, Supervisor.

Inspectors being assigned to six cheese processing plants which have contracts to process cheese for school lunch program. One plant now in operation; others will start within week or two. Of about 11.5 million pounds of American process cheese bought thus far, about 75 percent in area served by Chicago office Wisconsin south to Tennessee. Inspectors approve cheese before processing, supervise processing, and inspect finished product. One inspector assigned to Wisconsin plant which has contract for repackaging 6 million pounds government-owned dried skim milk for school lunch purposes.

Laboratory. - T. I Hedrick, Director

Samples of process cheese being received at laboratory for testing before acceptance for school lunch program.

Safety of laboratory being increased by installation of spark-proof fans in room where explosive solvents are used in chemical analyses.

## DAIRY

### Milk Marketing Orders.

USDA holds hearing Thursday in Cedar Rapids to consider making price of Class I milk in Cedar Rapids-Iowa City same as price in Quad Cities.

Hearing Thursday on proposed increase in premium paid for Class I milk in Springfield, Mo.

Milk producers supplying St. Louis market asking for emergency increase in price because of drouth; hearing to be held Monday, August 11.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor.

Food Trade Division contacting distributors in interest of honey promotion in October, pears and turkeys in August.

John James visiting state Department of Education in Springfield, concerning direct distribution of food in Illinois.

Ina Morris visited Milwaukee and arranged for television program during October to promote consumption of honey.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

International Apple Shippers Association meeting in St. Louis this week attended by S.R. Smith, Director and other Washington members of Branch, and R. E. Keller, Chicago.

Michigan cherry crop, nation's largest, reduced sharply by windstorm about harvest time and by dry weather in some parts of state; prices took sharp jump, causing distress to cannors who had contracted for pack at relatively low prices.

Georgia and South Carolina peach crop reduced by dry weather to about 60 percent of pre-season forecast. Peak of harvest now past. Recent rains helped Illinois Elberta crop; expect harvest to start next week.

### Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick, assistant supervisor, conducting training meeting for tomato inspectors at Maywood, Indiana and Bowling Green, Ohio.

### P.A.C.A. - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

T. C. Curry, chief of regulatory division, Washington, will be honor guest at luncheon of trade and PMA people on Friday.

Chicago office had busiest July on record, handling 73 complaints, making 33 investigations, settling disputes involving \$40,000 worth of fruits and vegetables.

### Processed Foods Inspection, - Max Austin

Fifteen inspectors working on sweet corn in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and 10 on tomatoes in Indiana and Ohio. Inspectors ordered out of Arkansas and Tennessee as drouth closed plants canning snap beans, okra and black-eyed peas. Possibility of fall crop of beans if those areas get more rain.

USDA offers to buy half million cases of canned peaches for use in school lunch program.



## GRAIN

Harvest of flaxseed starting in Minnesota.

USDA marketing specialists, after study of marketing of soybeans, have issued report recommending that elevator operators and processors pay premium for beans grading better than No. 2, and make even greater discounts than at present on beans grading No. 3 or lower. Moisture and foreign matter content suggested as basis of determining grade.

## LIVESTOCK

"V.E." disease (vesicular exanthema) of hogs continues to dominate livestock news. 194 hogs from near Elgin showed symptoms of V.E. in Chicago stock yards this week, and one of four sections of hog pens closed while hogs are observed. Most major yards now refusing to accept hogs over weekend, to permit time for thorough disinfection.

Secretary of Agriculture has declared state of emergency, which makes Federal funds for disease control available to pay farmers in case animals must be condemned as means of controlling V.E. disease. No definite program thus far.

Some state fairs have canceled hog shows.

Packers and Stockyards Division - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Hearings resumed involving Russell Packing Company, Chicago; charged with hiring Timothy Hunt, Chicago hog trader, previously barred from doing business by USDA, and thus violating USDA action. Will Rogers, hearing examiner from Office of Solicitor, Washington, conducting hearing.

Wool Division - C. C. Henley, Appraiser in Charge

Wool handlers, acting for farmers and ranchers, are sending increasing volume of requests for price support loans on wool. Appraisal of wool is necessary part of price support procedure.

Mr. Henley visited Kansas City last week, reviewing wool appraisal work, Jack Daley, appraiser, temporarily assigned to duty in Kansas City.

## PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Harold Gross visited Indianapolis on Wednesday, conferring with state committee on classification and organization problems.

Mr. Ward served as Chicago expeditor for group of 31 visitors from 11 West European countries, all interested in dairy marketing and processing, in Chicago for week. L. F. Herrman, PMA dairy branch, acting as guide on tour, aided by three translators.

Washington visitor: Robert E. Adcock, PMA personnel office, discussing foreign visitors' program.

Personnel people assisting Omaha poultry inspection office in preparing for transfer to Des Moines at end of month.

## POULTRY

### Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Twenty men from other locations now at work in Chicago, grading eggs delivered as result of transactions on Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Heavy volume expected to continue for remainder of month.

### Market News - Floyd Simpson, Reporter in Charge

Egg prices have dropped back from recent increase brought on by hot weather. Chicago dealers getting some orders for eggs from drouth areas in South.

Dorothy Barnes joins staff, transferred from dairy inspection office.

## PMA STATE COMMITTEES

### Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Illinois played host to state office people from nine other states last week, demonstrating tests of materials for coating and otherwise maintaining metal bins and flat storage buildings.

Zinc and aluminum paints showed best for coating outside surfaces; several caulking materials effective in stopping leaks. Some aluminum bins being equipped with circular foundation plates to eliminate corrosion and anchor bins firmly to ground.

Counties informed that elevator operators not licensed by state may be approved for handling, but not for storing, CCC grain.

### Iowa - Hervey Hazen, Chairman

Farmers being urged to make sure they have enough corn cribs on own farms to handle big corn crop expected. Loans by CCC for erecting storage will be available this year.

Corn loan rates by counties range from \$1.52 in northwest to \$1.60 per bushel in southeast.

### Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Counties provided with fireproof files for keeping loan papers. Forms for storage facility loans sent to all counties. Eighteen counties asked to report progress on consolidation of USDA offices.

### Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Flying service making aerial photographs under contract to PMA photographed 1,227 square miles in five counties during week ending July 26. Cooperative agreement for aerial photography made with Michigan Department of Conservation in 16 counties.

### Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Forty-seven counties in southern Missouri designated as disaster area because of drouth. PMA Committees farther north located farmers with hay to sell and exchanged information with county committees in drouth area, enabling farmers to buy feed with comparatively short haul. Committees in drouth areas urging farmers not to plow up permanent pastures until they are sure rain won't bring them back.



PMA STATE COMMITTEES ( CONT'D )

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

County committees asked to report on number of farm stored loans and purchase agreements and number of bushels delivered since April 30, covering wheat, barley, oats, rye, grain sorghums, flaxseed soybeans, and dry edible beans. August 15 deadline.

New county committees will take office September 1.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman.

Memorandum to county committees concerning crop insurance points out that one person in each county should be designated to have charge of sales campaign; operating budget for crop insurance program must be prepared for each county; each office should designate three policy holders to serve as advisory committee on crop insurance.

Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman.

One county distributed crop insurance posters bearing names of 100 business firms which endorse crop insurance program.

PMA Committee system has produced at least 50 men chosen for important national positions, including a Senator, two Congressmen, one Governor, member of Federal Reserve Board, besides several top USDA officials.

County committees reminded of regulation prohibiting giving out lists of farmers' names and addresses, except to authorized persons. Some commercial firms have been trying to obtain such lists.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties furnished material on agricultural manpower; urged to review carefully and discuss at next County Agricultural Mobilization committee meeting.

With the Farm Papers

Ohio Farmer-- Hog prices look good for the year ahead, an article by Economist Gilbert Gusler points out. Another story describes effective practices for grassland improvement.

Missouri Farmer-- Front page and main article and most of magazine depict the highlights of the coming Missouri State Golden Anniversary Fair. Dates August 16-24.

Nebraska Farmer-- Editorial compares farm platforms of two major parties. Farm planks less a vital issue this year than in 1948, but farmer votes are vital. A lead article describes ways to get good shelterbelts in dry farming areas of state. Many cornfields covered by Missouri River flood waters now green with corn.

Wallace's Farmer and Iowa Homestead-- Editorial headed "Any help for Hogs?" points out that both political parties will back 90 percent of parity supports for storable corn, wheat, cotton, but what about perishables, hogs, beef, dairy products, eggs, chickens, etc, which provide 82% of Corn Belt farmers' income? A Poll of Iowa farmers indicates 63% favor continuing programs and ACP payments as now carried out by PMA, with 10% favoring program in part, 11% undecided, 16% favoring abolishment.

WITH THE FARM PAPERS (Cont'd)

The Farmer (Minnesota)

Front page and lead article devoted to "Operation Furrow" -- outlining plans and program for the Minnesota and National Plow matches and Soil Conservation Day, September 5. Article on Beef Producers' Outlook warns that with the "bloom off the beef cattle boom and increasing supplies, both growers and finishers must adjust for price changes."

Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer -

Most of issue devoted to Wisconsin State Fair (August 16-24) at Milwaukee, and a major illustrated article to the construction and equipment of a "Milk house to meet the 'Musts'" - for a good Dairyland dairyman.

Prairie Farmer -

August 2 issue dedicated to this year's Illinois State Fair Centennial - a Century of Progress, August 9-15. The lead editorial "The Real Split in Agriculture" advises readers to study the platforms and the candidates carefully.

Michigan Farmer -

Also a "Fair Issue", featuring the many County Fairs scheduled in the state in the month ahead. Premiums for the State Fair alone, August 29-September 7, total over \$110,000. Fifty-eight county fairs are scheduled.

Dakota Farmer -

Editorial praises Canadian veterinarians for doing a good job in guarding not only their own people, but U.S. stockmen also, against the spread of foot-and-mouth disease. Lead article discusses federal land buying practices and problems arising there from incident to dam construction on the upper Missouri and tributaries.



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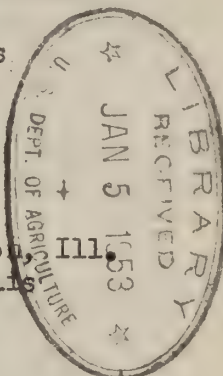
# MIDWEST SHOPTALK PMA

United States Department of Agriculture, Production & Marketing Administration,  
Office of Information Services, Midwest Area, 623 S. Wabash, Chicago 5, Ill.

Aug. 14, 1952

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 16-24	Wisconsin State Fair	West Allis
17-23	International Grassland Conference	State College, Pa.
August 20	Midwest Warehousemen Work Committee and Chicago C.O.	Chicago
August 20-22	County auditors of Midwest PMA Committees, Workshop	Chicago
August 21	State PMA Committeemen and Chicago C.O.	Chicago
August 22-29	Ohio State Fair	Columbus
August 22	Field Day	Sand Experiment Station Culver, Indiana
August 23-Sept. 1	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul
August 23-Sept. 1	Iowa State Fair	Des Moines
August 26	Missouri Ag'l Mobilization Comm.	Columbia
August 27-30	Wholesale Grocers Ass'n	
	Food Distribution Exposition	Chicago
August 27-29	PMA Meeting with state food distribution directors	Chicago
August 27	Soil Day	Bloomington, Ill.
August 28-Sept. 6	Indiana State Fair Centennial	Indianapolis
August 28	Nebraska Ag'l Mobilization Comm.	Lincoln
August 29	County PMA Conventions	Nebraska
August 29-Sept. 7	Michigan State Fair	Detroit



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Space has been reserved in Post Office building in Springfield to house consolidated state offices of U.S.D.A. serving Illinois. PMA and FCIC will move from Decatur; SCS and FMA from Champaign; BAE and BAI from other locations in Springfield. Move expected to take place about January 1.

Royce Dodge visited Minneapolis last week and this, on space problems.

Painting of PMA quarters at 623 S. Wabash scheduled to start this week-end. Sixth floor first.

## AUDIT - Ray Pauley, Acting Assistant Auditor in Charge

Plans being made for workshop for "county" auditors, attached to 8 state PMA staffs: workshop to be held in Chicago, August 20-22. Expected to attend: 30 auditors from Midwestern states, Washington representatives from Office of Audit and Assistant Administrator for Production. Meeting will deal with changes in audits following decentralization of loan operations to county PMA committees, and changes in audit plans of General Accounting Office.

Annual audit of Minnesota state PMA office and county offices started this week under L. O. Lehman, aided by R. M. Buskirk, R. C. Chaffin, and H. Parke.

Addition to staff: Floyd C. D. McFall, Jr. From Kansas City; formerly with Bureau of Internal Revenue and Ford Motor Company.



COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Chicago Commodity Office will coordinate hay purchase and distribution program in drought-stricken areas of Kentucky and Tennessee. Plans drafted at hurriedly called meeting in Washington last Friday, attended by Director Bradley, Cecil Sullivan, Albert Bohlman from Chicago Commodity Office, and state chairmen from Kentucky, Tennessee and five states with hay to spare: Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan.

County Agricultural Mobilization Committees in drought states will offer to buy hay for farmers, who must sign contract and pay deposit of \$5 per ton. Orders will be routed speedily through state offices to Chicago, thence through state to county offices in northern states. County committees in north already lining up available supplies of hay at lowest possible prices. Hope to obtain good alfalfa for top price of \$24; other types for less. All hay will be baled, and will be shipped by rail. Freight rates, unless reduced, range from \$12 to \$17 per ton, depending on point of origin and destination. Maximum selling price in drought area, \$28. to \$36 depending on type of hay. Losses will be borne out of \$3,000,000 disaster fund made available to USDA out of Presidential emergency fund.

Farmers or dealers selling hay will be paid immediately by county PMA committees; county committees in drought states will collect from farmers receiving hay.

Cecil Sullivan designated as coordinator of hay program in Chicago office.

First carlot of hay loaded on Wednesday ready to ship at Tinley Park, Illinois. Carl Bormet, Cook County Chairman, destined for Shelbyville, Tennessee.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION. - John Claggett, Chief

A. C. Christian conducting investigation in Illinois; Morris Stickgold, making official visits to Duluth and Minneapolis.

Lee Coons has returned to headquarters from investigation in Illinois; Ed Piala has concluded investigation in Minneapolis.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Premium notices being sent to approximately 110,000 farmers with crop insurance policies on beans, spring wheat, flax and tobacco.

In anticipation of extra work load resulting from claims filed by farmers suffering drought damage, office is recruiting Grade 2 and 3 file clerks and computing machine operators. Civil Service approval required.

## DAIRY

Milk marketing order for Omaha-Council Bluffs has been extended to include Lincoln, Nebraska, effective September 1. Will be known as Omaha-Lincoln-Council Bluffs Federal Milk Marketing Order. New system of classifying milk and new schedule of prices also go into effect same date.

USDA bought another million-plus pounds of pasteurized process American cheese on Tuesday for school lunch program. Total bought so far, almost 13 million pounds. Intended purchases: 14 million pounds process cheese and 1 million pounds natural cheddar.

Since April 1, CCC has bought approximately 25 million pounds of spray-process dry milk solids to support milk prices to farmers.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION. - Oscar F. Beyer, Area Supervisor.

Clair Underwood appointed Assistant Supervisor, succeeding Floyd Tuchscher, on year's leave of absence.

Jack Means making food trade visits in Missouri and Nebraska; John Janus making similar visits to principal cities in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio furthering August Plentiful Food programs on turkeys and Bartlett pears, and honey promotion program scheduled for October.

Hal Bolin, food preservation specialist, participating in workshops for school lunch supervisors in Minnesota; also visiting public institutions receiving Federal foods. Emphasizing food preservation methods, and ways of using smoked pork to be distributed during coming months.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Supply of tin cans barely managed to stretch through period of steel strike; with production resumed, seems little danger of serious shortage, although some canners may not have preferred size or type of can when crop is ready to pack. PMA continues to keep close watch on supplies of cans, with aid of industry and PMA committees, and has authority to divert supplies where needed. Steel and can makers are cooperating.

PMA has offered to buy canned tomatoes and canned peaches for school lunch program. Also buying Gravenstein apples in California.

Nina Cowley and Noel Cooper, processed food inspectors, have been reassigned from Tennessee, where vegetable canning plants were closed by drought, to western areas. Miss Cowley will work at Yakima, Washington, in plants processing peaches, pears and apples; Cooper will work on canned tomatoes and tomato products at Modesto, California.

Vegetable growers in Tennessee express hope that recent rains will make possible late crops of snap beans, greens and black-eyed peas.

Best Buys at Chicago: Cucumbers, tomatoes, cabbage, apples, Bartlett pears.



## LIVESTOCK

Bureau of Animal Industry has changed areas affected by quarantine on hogs to control V.L. disease. Lake County, Illinois, removed from quarantine but all of Cook County now included. Hogs raised in quarantine areas may be sold only to packers having Federal inspection, and meat must be sterilized by converting to cured or canned pork products. These restrictions have caused Eastern buyers to drop out of many important hog markets, with resulting drop in hog prices at those markets and increase at those unaffected by quarantine.

Labor contracts between major packers and unions up for renewal this week; preceded by walkouts of workers at plants in St. Paul and Sioux City Monday and Tuesday. Threat of widespread strikes through meat industry has left outlook uncertain at midweek.

New grade standards for live barrows and gilts and pork carcasses will be effective September 12. Under new standards, "Choice" hogs will be graded No. 1, No. 2, or No. 3; highest grade applies to those with least excess fat.

## POULTRY

W. S. Buchanan and L. J. Dolson, area supervisors of dressed poultry inspection and poultry grading services, are visiting poultry dressing plants in Missouri and Arkansas this week.

Egg graders have concluded assignments on egg inspection for Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Five graders borrowed for seasonal rush have returned to regular posts in Iowa and Nebraska. During past three weeks, inspection crew has graded more than 700 cars, averaging 480 cases per car, 30 dozen eggs per case. (about 114 million eggs.)

## Washington Visitors to Midwest.

George Dice, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Marketing, will visit Chicago Wednesday through Friday of this week.

J. J. Todd, Tobacco Branch, in Ohio this week, on marketing quotas for Ohio tobacco Branch, in Ohio this week, on marketing quotas for Ohio tobacco growers.

G. H. Goldsborough, Sugar Branch, in Ohio and Illinois this week and next to collect information on market potentials for products made from sugar cane.

T. W. Dawsey, Transportation and Warehousing Branch, to Minneapolis this week, on bean storage problems.

Judson A. Thompson, in Michigan, on bean storage problems.

## PMA STATE COMMITTEES

### Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

State Agricultural Mobilization Committee met on August 11 with state Director of Selective Service on system for rating productivity of farm workers, to be used as guide in determining farm workers eligible for deferment. Also considered goals for 1953 wheat crop and for grassland.

### Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Memorandum informs county committees that personal checks written by farmers may be accepted for release of grain under price support, if approved by member of county committee. Memo specifies circumstances under which committeeman may approve personal checks.

State-wide meeting of county committee members and secretary-treasurers scheduled for September 24 and 25.

### Iowa - Hervey E. Hazen, Chairman

Completed forms on results of county elections to be sent to state office by August 22. New committees took office August 11.

Many county PMA committees arranging tours of farmers, business men, editors, broadcasters to farms where conservation practices have been carried out.

### Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

County committees instructed not to store CCC grain in warehouses that do not indicate intention of signing new grain storage agreement.

New instructions on soybean loans provide that foreign matter less than 3% need not be deducted from total weight of beans.

Instructions to all counties on holding elections of new PMA committees.

### Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Auditors from General Accounting Office visiting state office and will conduct audits in five county offices to be selected.

State Committee setting up exhibit at Missouri State Fair

County committees urged to encourage big vote of farmers in PMA elections.

### Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

County committees instructed to turn and screen CCC corn in bins, unless already done.

Counties provided with amendment making loans available indefinitely for purchase of grain driers.

### Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

Elections of PMA committeemen held throughout state during period August 14-29. 1,327 community committees to be chosen; voting by mail.

Ohio farmers urged to order cover crop seed early.

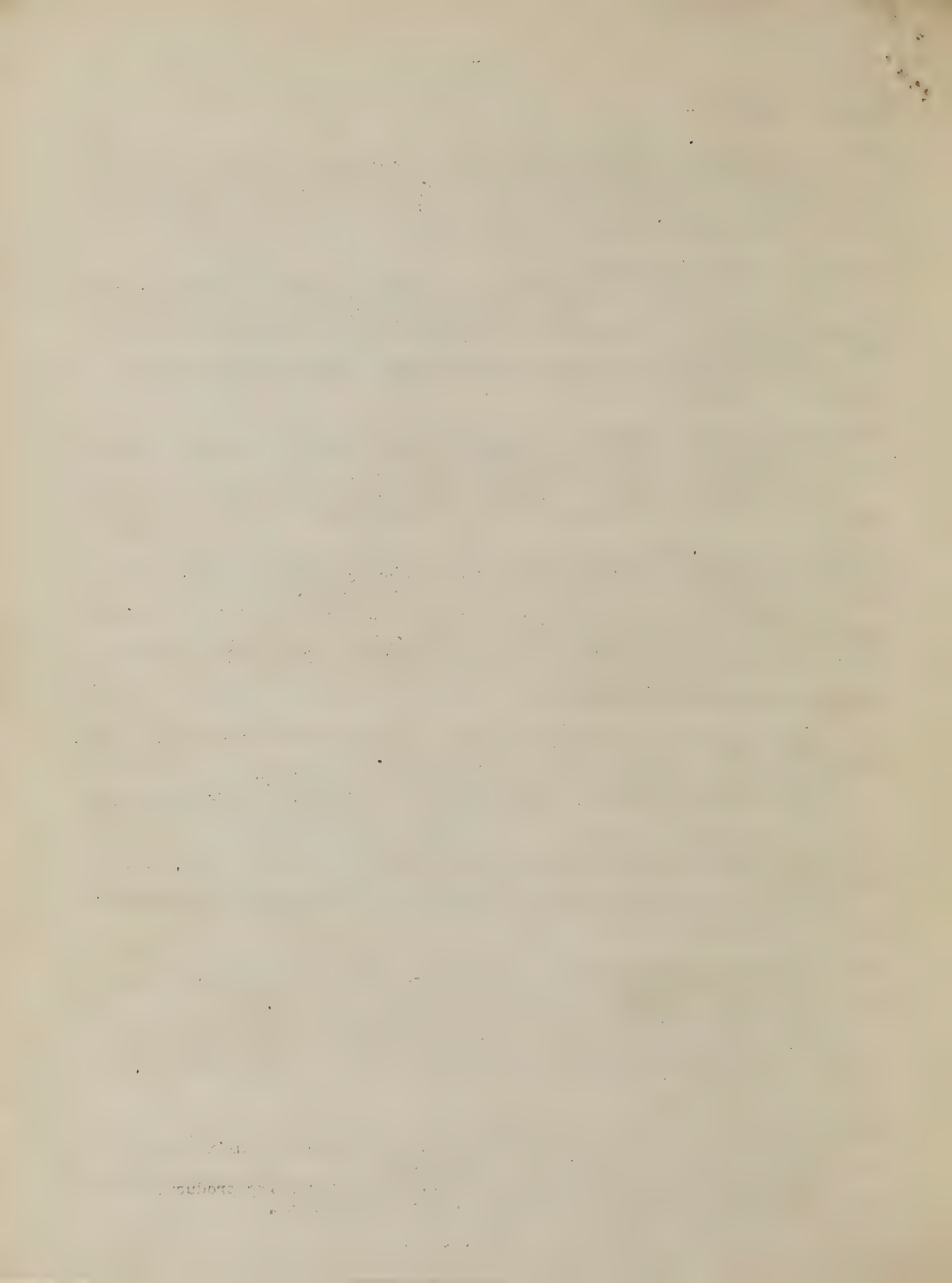
County committees requested to send instructions to farmers with corn to be delivered in satisfaction of price support loans not later than August 20. Loans matured July 31.

### Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties provided with guide for training new community committeemen and help to be requested in screening ACP applications.

Additions made to schedule of point system for determining productivity of farm workers in connection with Selective Service deferments.





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27-30	Wholesale Grocers Assoc. Food Distribution Exp.	Chicago
August 27-29	Annual Meeting, State School Lunch & Direct Distribution Directors	Chicago
August 27	Soil Day	Bloomington, Ill.
August 28-Sept. 6	Indiana State Fair Centennial	Indianapolis
August 28	Nebraska Ag'l Mobilization Comm.	Lincoln
August 29	County PMA Conventions	Nebraska
August 29-Sept. 7	Michigan State Fair	Detroit
August 31-Sept. 5	Nebraska State Fair	Lincoln
Sept. 2-5	Conferences for Illinois Country Elevatormen	
Sept. 3	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Nevada, Iowa
Sept. 4	Veterinarians Nutrition School	Ames, Iowa
Sept. 4-12	District County Comm. Conferences	Nebraska
Sept. 5-6	National Soil Conservation Day & Plowing Matches	Masson, Minn.
Sept. 7-9	Grain and Feed Dealers Natl. Assoc.	Minneapolis
Sept. 8-9	Packers & Stockyards Act Hearings	Chicago
Sept. 9	North Dakota Ag'l Mobilization Committee	Fargo
Sept. 9	32nd Annual Convention American Soybean Association	Purdue Univ.
Sept. 10-12	Meeting Commodity Office Directors	Chicago
Sept. 11-12	Iowa County Chairmen & Secys. School	Des Moines
Sept. 11	Corn & Bean Day Purdue Agronomy Farm	Lafayette, Ind.
Sept. 11	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Sept. 11	Illinois State Turkey Growers Assoc.	Mt. Carroll
Sept. 12	Iowa Agr'l Mobilization Comm.	Des Moines
Sept. 12	Feed Dealers Nutrition School	Ames, Iowa
Sept. 12	Swine Day	W. Lafayette, Ind.





AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Following last week's conference with auditors from Washington and Midwest state offices, auditors from Chicago have resumed work in state office of Minnesota and selected county PMA offices in state. L.O. Lehman in charge, aided by Auditors Buskirk, Chaffin, and Parke.

Auditors Skilnik, Vopatek, Neville, have returned to Chicago after completing audits of school lunch and direct distribution agencies in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

Auditor Harold Weber has concluded audit of Sherwin-Williams Company, Cleveland, records on flaxseed-linseed oil program.

Willis H. Cropsey and Harry A. Janzig have joined staff as auditors.

COMMODITY - George D. Bradley, Director

Marvin Smith, assistant director, attended meeting on bean price support program at Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday.

Warehouse Examiner Clint Bordon working on bean storage program in Michigan. Office has received 276 applications for new Uniform Grain Storage Agreement, and applications for 35 grain handling agreements. Newly appointed examiners are checking qualifications of applicants prior to approval of agreements with warehousemen.

Julius Boberski, Bernard Tyarks and Harold Shanesy will go to Columbus, Ohio, on September 2 to be available as witnesses in trial of officers of Kingston Farmers Exchange, Kingston, Ohio. Grain storage company charged with converting approximately 50,000 bushels of ECC wheat to own use.

Assistant Administrator for Commodity Operations has called meeting of directors of all Commodity Offices, to be held in Chicago September 10-12.

Emergency hay purchase program continues; at end of second week, farmers in Kentucky and Tennessee had ordered approximately 38,000 tons of hay; orders relayed to state PMA offices in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan usually same day as received.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Claggett, Chief

Special agents and accountants are on assignments this week in following states: Pinal and McLenighan, Illinois; King, Colorado; Tripp, and Lee Coons, Minnesota; Zeglin, Ohio; Hickey and Ryan, Iowa; Robert Coons, Michigan; Freeman, North Dakota, Aiken, Nebraska.

CROP INSURANCE - J.F. Buck, Branch Manager.

Mr. Buck continuing extended trip to state and county PMA/FCIC offices in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Minnesota this week.

John Brainerd, Manager of FCIC, Washington, visited Chicago office on Wednesday of this week, conferring with Robert Zeller, acting branch manager, and other staff members.

Claims being received from farmers suffering crop losses during early part of growing season, principally losses in wheat crop in Texas, Oklahoma, and Dakotas.

Bills for premiums on multiple-crop policies being sent to farmers in 115 counties in 32 states where this type policy is available.



## DAIRY

Changes have been made this week in several Federal milk marketing orders in Midwest: Chicago order amended to add Knox county, Illinois, to surplus milk manufacturing area; other minor changes. Amendments approved by 88% of producers and will go into effect September 1.

Increases in differential for Class I milk, above price for manufacturing milk, have been approved for St. Louis and Springfield, Mo., markets, because of drought and higher cost of producing milk in those areas. Higher prices prevail September through February.

Minor changes made in Milwaukee milk order.

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Chief

Entire staff attending 6th annual Midwest Area School Lunch and Direct Distribution Conference, at Brunswick Building Conference Room. State directors of school lunch and direct distribution programs of 11 Midwestern states attending, along with James Hoofnagle, Deputy Director, Food Distribution Branch; C. R. Murphy, chief of school lunch division; and James Hutchins, direct distribution division, from Washington office.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor.

Peach season beyond the peak in Illinois. Elbertas will arrive in volume from Michigan after Labor Day.

Some potatoes arriving from Wyoming and Red River Valley areas.

Training classes on inspection of farmers' stock peanuts at Durant, Oklahoma will begin about September 15. Earl Biddick will assist.

Regulatory - W.A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Edward Gibson and Vic Ekstrom concentrating on license work in south side area of Chicago.

Jeff Branch and Matt Homan at Benton Harbor on license work during peach season.

Some large onion cases in process of being settled. Disputes involve close to 200 carloads.

Volume of work still remains unusually heavy for summer months.

Office recruiting for two stenographers.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Corn pack in good shape. Inspectors in Minnesota now.

Tomato pack is getting under way slowly. Better production after Labor Day. The crop is later than usual because early bloom failed to set on account of hot, dry weather. Indications are for a fairly good crop.

Mr. Austin made supervisory trip to Iowa and Minnesota



## GRAIN BRANCH

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen English, Field Director

Office prepared practical portion of Illinois Civil Service Grain Inspectors examination, furnished space and equipment for use by 26 men who took examination August 16, and graded work done by men.

Staff is helping management of Ungga flour mill, Kenya, East Africa, learn about U.S. grades of wheat and marketing methods. Ungga, Ltd., sent two-pound samples of African wheat to Chicago office to be graded according to official U.S. standards. Chicago graders found grain to be comparable to soft wheat produced in Midwest, but low in quality because many grains had sprouted.

Inspectors graded samples, then returned samples with detailed report explaining factors considered in assigning grade. Return mail this week brought another, smaller sample, with request for further detailed criticism and grading.

Correspondence and submission of samples started several weeks ago through U.S. State Department, switched to Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, then to PMA Grain Branch, Washington; then to Chicago field office.

## LIVESTOCK

Reduced demand for pork by consumers, plus complications resulting from quarantines and other restrictions on selling and shipping hogs because of V.E. disease (vesicular exanthema) caused hog prices to drop last week at most Midwest markets. Spring pigs coming to market now in increasing numbers. Large numbers of fat cattle coming to principal Midwest markets, with prices sagging.

Bureau of Animal Industry reported all principal stockyards were free from V.E. disease first of week. Iowa is only Midwest state now cooperating with Federal government by providing money to pay farmers for hogs which must be slaughtered to clean out farms or feeding lots where disease has been found. Governor of Nebraska has said he will call special session of legislature to make state funds available. Federal government will match state funds to pay farmers for animals.

Farmers in quarantine areas, where V.E. has been found, may not sell hogs through any stock yard; may sell to packing houses, but in actual practice, few if any packing houses will take hogs from quarantine areas because of extra clean-up and disinfection which is necessary.

Indiana has prohibited inshipment of hogs from any point outside state.

## Wool - C.C. Henley, Appraiser in Charge

Chicago office appraisers have appraised about 3.7 million pounds of wool on which farmers and ranchers want price support loans. Active appraisal has been in operation only about two months.

Mr. Henley will make appraisals in Kansas City and St. Louis during next two weeks.

John A. Goe, chief appraiser from Washington, visited Chicago office on Wednesday.

## PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Frances Ringbloom and Helen Scanlon have joined staff as clerks.



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## POULTRY

### Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson

Office is busy grading eggs for school lunch program. There are about 25 cars in Chicago market, 500 cases to car, 30 dozen to case.

Mr. Dolson spent first part of week in Ohio checking poultry processing plants.

With announcement of turkey purchase program, Mr. Dolson expects office will be faced with additional inspection and grading work. USDA will buy frozen, ready-to-cook turkeys in carload lots beginning September 9 into January. No amount set for purchases; no prices designated. Double purpose: Help support prices to turkey growers, and obtain turkeys for school lunch and direct distribution programs.

### Washington Visitors to Midwest.

T. W. Dawsey, Transportation and Warehousing Branch, August 25-29 to Kansas City, Missouri, to install specified commodity system on beans.

F. Marion Rhodes, Cotton Branch, August 27 and 28 to Sikeston, Missouri, to attend meeting of county committees in Southeast Missouri.

Judson A. Thompson, Grain Branch, August 26-30 to Lansing and other points in Michigan to confer with government personnel and members of bean trade regarding CCC-stored beans.

### STATE PMA COMMITTEES

#### Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Crop insurance salesmen from counties where multiple-crop insurance is sold will meet September 3 at Fairfield.

County offices asked to report by August 27 on amounts of farm-stored grain and seeds delivered to CCC during 1952. Will be combined into state report to go to Grain Branch, Washington.

1953 goals suggest that Illinois farmers seed only 91% as much land to wheat as in '52, same acreage of rye, 9% more barley.

#### Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

County committees urged to check farmers' compliance with conservation goals.

Chairman issues press release urging corn growers to provide enough corn storage to handle entire crop this fall, to be eligible for price support.

#### Iowa - Hervey E. Hazen, Chairman

Two-day school of instruction for county chairmen and secretary-treasurers, September 11 and 12, at Des Moines.

New county committees chosen August 11, and new chairmen announced August 15.

County committees asked to choose new bin site inspectors by September 10.



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Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Counties provided with 1953 Handbook for Agricultural Conservation Programs.

Farmers will vote for community committeemen by mail, before September 8.

Missouri - E.R. Caldwell, Chairman

State committee has prepared 1953 Grassland Goals Handbook, for use by county committees. Counties will select practices which will be approved for cropland and for grassland.

Reminder sent to counties on provisions of price support program for seeds, especially as applied to red clover seed.

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Each of Nebraska's 10 fieldmen will hold meeting with county committeemen to discuss procedure for Conservation Program in each county. Meetings to be held September 4-12.

State office distributed tentative list of grain elevators which have applied for approval under new Uniform Grain Storage Agreement. County committees may approve price support loans on grain stored only in warehouses appearing on list.

County committees to be selected Saturday, August 29.

North Dakota - J.E. Kasper, Chairman

County committees provided with formula for calculating net bushels of grain in storage, taking into account test weight and dockage, especially where grain contains more than 10% wild oats.

New forms to be used in farmer sign-up for conservation program.

Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

Foreign visitors attending last week's International Grassland Congress at Penn State College visited several farms in Ohio during week.

Counties instructed to complete listing sheets for cigar leaf tobacco growers by September 8 and burley growers by September 19.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

County committees instructed to buy hay for emergency shipments only when orders have been received. Wisconsin has shipped more hay into drought area than any other state. Counties will report purchases and shipments to state office each week, starting August 29.

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